

AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. DEUTCH OF FLORIDA

At the of title VIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 8xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO CHINESE**
2 **DRYWALL.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) Between 2001 through 2009, contaminated
5 drywall manufactured in China was imported into
6 the United States and used in home construction.

7 (2) It has been found through scientific studies,
8 including a study by Sandia National Laboratories
9 in New Mexico, that the contaminated drywall im-
10 ported from China creates a corrosive environment
11 for fire safety alarm devices, such as smoke and car-
12 bon monoxide alarms; electrical distribution compo-
13 nents, such as receptacles, switches, and circuit
14 breakers; and gas service piping and fire suppression
15 sprinkler systems installed in the affected homes.

16 (3) Based on these scientific findings, the
17 United States Consumer Product Safety Commission
18 issued an updated Remediation Protocol for Homes
19 with Problem Drywall on March 18, 2011, which
20 recommends the replacement of all contaminated

1 drywall and replacement of fire safety alarm devices,
2 electrical distribution components, and gas service
3 piping and fire suppression sprinkler systems.

4 (4) In addition, homeowners with contaminated
5 drywall from China have indicated that the drywall
6 releases a strong sulfur-like odor that renders the
7 home uninhabitable.

8 (5) Companies in China that manufactured and
9 exported the contaminated drywall to the United
10 States have refused to meet with United States offi-
11 cials, including representatives of the Consumer
12 Product Safety Commission, have not provided fi-
13 nancial assistance to homeowners with contaminated
14 drywall from China, and have not submitted to juris-
15 diction in United States Federal Courts that are
16 hearing cases on contaminated drywall from China.

17 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
18 gress that—

19 (1) the Secretary of State should insist that
20 Government of the People's Republic of China,
21 which has ownership interests in the companies that
22 manufactured and exported contaminated drywall to
23 the United States, have the companies meet with
24 representatives of the United States Government on

1 remedying homeowners that have contaminated
2 drywall in their homes; and

3 (2) the Secretary of State should insist that the
4 Government of the People's Republic of China have
5 the companies that manufactured and exported con-
6 taminated drywall submit to jurisdiction in United
7 States Federal Courts and comply with any decisions
8 issued by the Courts for homeowners with contami-
9 nated drywall.

